

MARKED-UP CLAIMS FOR AMENDMENT COMPARISON PUROSES

The claims have been changed as follows.

1. (Amended) A drum shell comprising:

a rigid, hollow body [disposed about and axis and] having first and second opposing opened ends for receiving drum heads to cover the opened ends, the body having an inner surface and an outer surface, at least the outer surface being of convoluted form, wherein the convoluted form is defined by elongated channels in the body, the channels extending towards said ends.

5. (Amended) The drum shell of claim [2] 1, wherein reinforcing structure is provided in each channel, the reinforcing structure including a bore therethrough associated with each channel for receiving a drum tensioning member.

6. (Amended) The drum shell of claim 5, wherein the reinforcing structure is an annular member mounted to the body between the opposing ends [and disposed about the axis].

8. (Amended) The drum shell of claim 1, further comprising a rigid inner sleeve disposed within the hollow body so as to define a cavity between [an outer surface] the inner sleeve and the [inner surface of the] body.

11. (Amended) A drum comprising:

a rigid, hollow body [disposed about an axis and] having first and second opposing opened ends of generally circular form, the body having an inner surface and an outer surface, the outer surface being of convoluted form defined by a plurality of channels formed in the body, the channels extending toward said ends [in a direction of the axis],

a drum head membrane covering each of the first and second ends,

a ring mounted on each of the first and second ends so as to secure each drum head membrane to the body, each ring including a tensioning member receiving structure, and

a plurality of tensioning members, a tensioning member being received in an associated channel and a first end of each tensioning member being received by the tensioning member receiving structure of each ring, said tensioning members being constructed and arranged to be moved with respect to the body to adjust tension of the drum head membranes.

15. (Amended) The drum of claim 14, wherein the reinforcing structure is an annular member mounted to the body substantially midway between the opposing ends [and disposed about the axis].

19. (Amended) The drum of claim 11, further comprising a rigid inner sleeve disposed within the hollow body so as to define a cavity between [an outer surface] the inner sleeve and [the inner surface of] the body.

29. (Amended) The drum of claim 27, wherein reinforcing structure is provided in each channel, the reinforcing structure being in the form of an annular member mounted to the body substantially midway between the opposing ends [and disposed about an the axis], the annular member including internal threads associated with each channel for receiving a threaded end of an associated tensioning member, movement of the tensioning member with respect to the internal threads causing changes in the fluid pressure.

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